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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9028

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3604

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: KIDNAP THREAT AGAINST U.S. AMBASSADOR

1. COL IGNACIO NOCHES PALACIOS, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, EL SALVADOR, CAME TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S RESIDENCE AT 1935, SEP 3, 1975. HE REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF ALLEGED GUERRILLAS HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF KIDNAPPING THE U.S. AMBASSADOR OR THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY ON SEPT 4, 1975, IN ORDER TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ANY PRISONERS TAKEN BY SECURITY FORCES ON JULY 30, 1975, OR TO DISCLOSE THE LOCATION OF THE BODIES OF THE STUDENTS ALLEGEDLY KILLED ON THAT DATE. THEY APPARENTLY NOT AWARE THAT AMBASSADOR IS ABSENT FROM POST AND EXPECTED TO RETURN ON SEPT 15.

2. THE GROUP FELT THAT IF THEY KIDNAPPED THE U.S. AMBASSADOR THEY WOULD HAVE MORE LEVERAGE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR THAN IF THEY KIDNAPPED A SALVADORAN (THE RECTOR).

3. PALACIOS STATED HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION WAS A PROMINENT SAN SALVADOR BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION OF THIS SAME TYPE OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, AND HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT THE VALIDITY OF THIS INFORMATION.

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4. PALACIOS INFORMED THE DAO, AND WE CAN CONFIRM, THAT HE

HAD INCREASED POLICE PATROLS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE  
AMBASSADOR'S AND CHARGE'S RESIDENCES AND WILL KEEP THE  
EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT  
IS RECEIVED SO THAT WHATEVER ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES ARE  
REQUIRED MAY BE TAKEN.

5. WE ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO MAKE AN INDEPENDENT  
ASSESSMENT OF THE THREAT BUT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DEVELOP  
RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES AND WILL KEEP DEPT.  
INFORMED.

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